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To Whom It May Concern

I am a General Practitioner who lives in the borough of Richmond. Having grown up in the area I have always been aware of the presence and importance of The Marble Hill Playcentres and how they provide such an important service to all parents in the local community, including low-income families.

The One o' clock club provides an invaluable lifeline to those experiencing the challenges of parenthood. In addition, the Inclusive Play Project supports children with additional needs as well as siblings and parents. I am all too aware of how isolated families who have children with additional needs may feel and this project provides a unique experience within the borough every Saturday throughout the year.

I am very aware how funding cuts are impacting on services within the borough. It is critical that a way is found to continue to provide accessible play for all children as well as a support network and community for families. I am writing in support of the proposals to develop a New Playcentre to continue to deliver key services as well as extending services for children with physical disabilities.

Yours faithfully

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